

## STATE OF MICHIGAN BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY LANSING



## FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

## Please allow at least 4 weeks for the qualification process.

If your organization has never submitted qualifying information as a fraternal organization, the following information shall be submitted prior to being approved to conduct a bingo, millionaire party, raffle, charity game, or numeral game.

- 1. A signed and dated copy of the organization's current bylaws or constitution.
- 2. A complete copy of the organization's Articles of Incorporation that have been filed with the Corporations and Securities Bureau, if the organization is incorporated.
- 3. A provision in the bylaws, constitution, or Articles of Incorporation that all assets, and real and personal property will revert to the local government or another nonprofit organization should the organization dissolve.
- 4. A copy of the letter from the IRS stating the organization is exempt from federal tax under IRS code 501(c)

OR

- copies of the one bank statement per year for the previous five years, excluding the current year.
- 5. A copy of the charter or a directory published by the state or national organization that lists the organization.
- 6. A copy of the state or national bylaws may need to be submitted. Please contact our office to see if a copy is already on file.

Note: The following organizations generally do not qualify for licensing:

- A one-of-a-kind fraternal or social organization without state or national affiliation, whose primary purpose is the social benefit of its members.
- A college fraternity or sorority.

Additional information may be requested after the initial documents submitted have been reviewed. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call our office at (517) 335-1159.

Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, defines a fraternal organization as "an organization within this state, except college fraternities, not for pecuniary profit, which is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or state organization and exists for the common business, brotherhood, or other interests of its members."